

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWING:

Please replace the sheet containing Figs. 8, 9 and 10 with the enclosed "Replacement Sheet," which incorporates a change to Fig. 10. The change is indicated in the attached "Annotated Sheet Showing Changes."

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended above is respectfully requested.

THE CLAIMS

The indication of allowable subject matter in claims 5-8 and 19-40 is noted, with appreciation. The claims as amended are now directed only to this allowable subject matter, as follows.

Allowable claims 5, 7, 8 and 19 have been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the claim(s) from which they originally depended. Claims 6 and 9-17 now depend from allowable claim 5, either directly or indirectly. Claims 1-4 and 18, which were rejected over prior art, have been canceled.

Claim 7 originally depended from claim 3, but apparently lacked antecedent basis for "the connection rails," which were recited in claim 4. Accordingly, claim 7 now includes the limitations of claim 4.

The formal objections to claims 26, 28, 30, 37, 38 and 40 (§4 of the Office Action) have been obviated by adopting all of the Examiner's recommendations. Claims 35 and 36 also have been amended, simply to improve clarity and consistency.

The rejections of claims 4, 9, 10, 23 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. §112, 2nd ¶ (§6 of the Office Action), have been obviated by adopting all of the Examiner's recommendations in claims 9, 10, 23 and 24. Claim 4 has been canceled, but the Examiner's recommendation for that claim has been adopted in claim 7, which now includes the limitations of claim 4.

THE DRAWING

Fig. 10 was objected to because of erroneous use of reference number "416" instead of "41b." This error has been corrected as indicated on the attached "Annotated Sheet Showing Changes." A clean "Replacement Sheet" also is enclosed.

THE SPECIFICATION

The objection to ¶[0063] on page 11 (¶3 of the Office Action) has been obviated by adopting the Examiner's recommendation.

Consistent with the Examiner's recommendation regarding claim 4, ¶[0014] on page 3 has been amended by inserting the missing word "connect." The other amendments to this paragraph simply correct errors in grammar and spelling.

¶[0080] on page 15 has been amended to correct an erroneous figure designation.

CONCLUSION

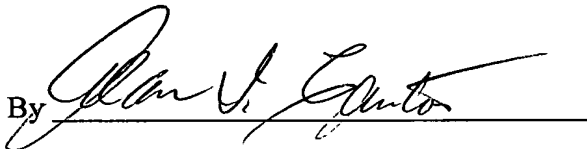
Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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